

The Romulus News

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The people from the Romulus Department of Public Works (DPW) should be given a great amount of credit for the fine job they did during the recent snow emergency. They worked many, many hours scraping the roads and salting them — which was no easy job, since the snow was falling faster than they could clear it. As soon as they salted the roads, the water left from the melting snow would freeze again, and the process continued for over 24 hours.

Thank you, DPW employees — you are some of our unsung heroes. □

Jack Smith, a long-time Romulus resident and the Treasurer and Secretary of the Wayne County Coon Hunters Club, was hit by an automobile Saturday, February 13, as he was walking home from a neighbor's house. Jack, who had just returned from visiting his 86-year-old mother in Kentucky, had been plowing the snow that had accumulated in his driveway, and his neighbor had come over to help. When they finished, Jack walked home with his neighbor to take the snow plow back, and it was as they were returning from there that the accident occurred.

He is presently in St. Joseph Hospital with two broken legs, a bruised kidney, head lacerations, contusions, and cuts. Jack will undergo several major surgeries in the next couple of weeks to try to repair the damage done to his legs. His recovery time is going to be quite lengthy.

If you would like to send a get-well card to Jack, please address it to:

Jack Smith, Room 2041
c/o St. Joseph Mercy Hospital
5302 East Huron River Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48106 □

Pennington Back on His Feet

City Councilman Ellis Pennington has been sick for the last week or so. Pennington, one of the harder-working City Councilmen, was in bed for almost a week with that flu strain that has been going around, but now he is back on his feet and "rarin' to go," he says.

Pennington, who is getting quite a reputation for attending to residents' needs when he is informed about them, is also the Council Representative for the Planning Commission, which in itself keeps him very busy. □

11 Year Old Dana Wasserman Has One Last Wish!

by D. A. Atkins

There is an 11-year-old girl living in Romulus who is a terminally ill victim of Cystic Fibrosis.

Dana Wasserman was born with this dreaded disease. For several years it progressed slowly, but then it suddenly went helter-skelter in her 56-pound body.

Little Dana has only one dream that she wishes could be fulfilled before she dies — she would like to visit Disney World. Unfortunately, without the kindness of others, that dream will never come true.

Dana's mother, Maureen, is divorced, and draws only child support for Dana and Dana's 17-year-old sister, Denise. She draws no money from Social Services, does not work because she has to take care of Dana, and is in a financial turmoil.

Taking care of Dana's needs costs a lot of money, and Mrs. Wasserman has a hard time meeting the expenses. She has hospitalization (through her ex-husband) for Dana, but hospitalization does not pay for all medical bills. Some of her neighbors have pitched in as much help as they can, but the financial burden is too much for a small group of friends to handle alone. And so, since even essentials are hard to come by, Mrs. Wasserman fears that she won't be able to make her child's last wish come true.

Dana, who is expected to get worse daily, will have a home-bound teacher from the Romulus School District — it doesn't cost anything and it helps keep her mind occupied. We at *The Romulus News* would like to see life be a little more fulfilling for Dana.

For Dana to go to Disney World, more expenses would be involved than just plane tickets and hotel fares. She would also need money for things like the oxygen that she must have with her constantly, and the full-time nurse who would have to be in attendance.

You, the readers, have given to good causes in the past, and we certainly thank you for that. Now, we at the paper are asking for your support once again. Won't you help provide the needs (and, hopefully, the dream) of a child who doesn't have much time left?

If we can collect enough money for her medical needs, that will be great. And if we can collect enough for her



to go to Disney World for a few days, then a dying girl's dreams would be fulfilled, and we could all take pride in that.

The residents of this town have always stuck together in times of crises. Let's come together again and give help where it's needed. Please send any donation that you can to:

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and please make all checks payable to:
Maureen Wasserman

The Romulus News will see that the money is properly taken care of for Dana. □

DPW Foreman Arrested for Embezzlement

by D. A. Atkins

State Police Detective Sergeant Leech arrested one Houston Glaster of Romulus for embezzlement. The actual charge, according to Leech, was embezzlement by agent. This charge means that there is cause to believe that Mr. Glaster took either City property, City money, or both, for his personal use. The charge carries a 10-year prison sentence if conviction occurs.

Mr. Glaster's employment at the Department of Public Works (DPW), along with the employment of another DPW worker, was terminated a short while ago. Both men had served in the DPW for several years. Mr. Glaster had been employed by the City since November 24, 1969, according to the Personnel Department of the City.

Mr. Glaster was arraigned at the 34th District Court on February 18, 1988,

and released on \$5,000 personal bond. His examination date is March 2, 1988, at 9 a.m. in the same court.

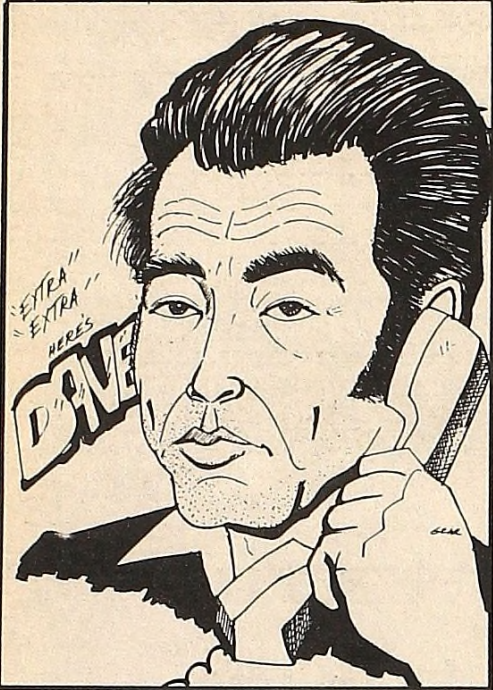
Detective Leech said the investigation is continuing, and so could not give specifics as to whether or not there would be additional arrests made. City officials expect the complete investigation to take quite some time.

Mayor McAnally called in the State Police to do the investigation after she learned, from several sources, that illegal activities were taking place at the DPW.

Just how long these improprieties had been occurring is not yet clear. They probably took place under other administrations, also; probably without the knowledge of those officials, but it is possible that other mayors

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



by D. A. Atkins

I had an editorial all set to go for this issue of the paper; however, after much thought on the matter I was writing about, I figured it was better left alone at this particular time.

I would like to tell each and every one of you that we are very happy with the way you have accepted your little paper, and, above all else, how great your support has been.

On the front page of this issue, you will read about a little 11-year-old girl who is dying and who needs help. Many businesses have donated generously already, as have some of the people in our city government. They have donated so generously, in fact, that we have already collected or have pledges for approximately \$700.

For little Dana Wasserman to go to Disneyworld, it is going to take approximately \$3,500.

Some of those who have contributed so far are: The Landing Strip, Bob Brown Associates, Romulus I.G.A., Romulus Video, Mayor McAnally, Linda Choate, and Captain Nemo's. *The Romulus News* will tell you about others in its next issue. Please help us help this little girl. □

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Atkins,

I'm writing to you in hope of bringing to attention the problem that persists at Halecreek Elementary School.

I have two children that attend Halecreek. My son is in fifth grade, my daughter in second. I drive my children

to school and pick them up every day, as many other parents do. My problem is this. Last fall Art McPharlin had the entrance drive blocked to keep parents from dropping their children off at the main doors. So we started letting them out by the exit drive (the only ice free spot) and then make a u-turn to leave. It's about 200 to 350 yards or more to the front doors. The sidewalks are always treacherous from the ice. The fields surrounding the school allow the wind to almost push you over, even an adult.

We were forced to do this because Mr. McPharlin claimed a teacher was nearly hit by a parent who was allowed to pull up by the doors and because of congestion of traffic. Now he wants to stop us from dropping our children off at the exit drive and making a u-turn, claiming we're blocking the school buses from leaving. Which means our children will be forced to walk even further in the cold and walk through an open field where anyone could grab them unnoticed.

My children have went to this school for 3 years and before them my brothers. I was a Scout leader and at the school everyday. *Never* have I seen anyone, child or adult, nearly hit by a car, nor have I seen a bus held up because of parents blocking the drive. Children in grades 3 to 6th must walk. The school buses (one of which stops at my corner), are only filled half way

with students. I have never seen them filled all the way and yet our older children cannot ride the bus.

If Mr. McPharlin wishes to cut down the traffic, then allow the children to ride the bus. There was a DPW man at the school this morning. I spoke to him about this (he was there to survey the problem of traffic for the school). Even he agreed that there didn't seem to be a problem and that if it were his children, he wouldn't let them walk that far either.

If the *No U-Turn* sign goes through, there will be many offenders, including myself! I think Art is expecting too much! I would appreciate it if you would look into the matter or at least let the parents know what is about to happen. I know several of the parents were upset about this already. Thank you for

hearing me.

Sincerely,
Cathleen Baker

Gentlemen:

The Romulus Senior Club #1 members join me in thanking you for writing such an interesting article about our club. We all enjoyed reading it very much.

We also would like to thank the editors for printing this article. We think it is a clever idea to run the item in your want ad section and perhaps it will make more readers aware of our club.

Once again, many thanks to you and please keep up the good work with your paper. We look forward to reading this informative publication.

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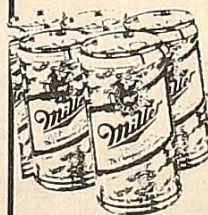
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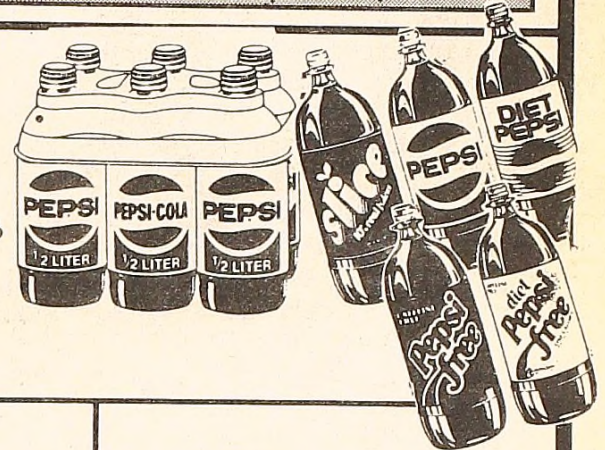
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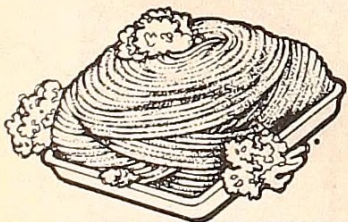
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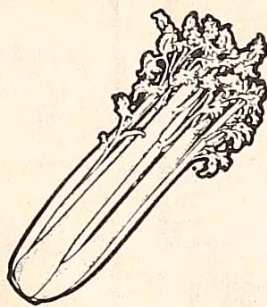
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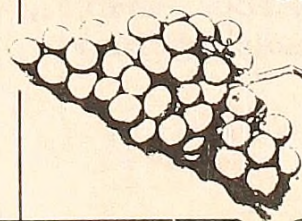


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Branch Office Closing Delayed

Senator William Faust (D-Westland) and Representative Jim Kosteva (D-Canton) announced today that a lease will be signed to keep the Romulus Secretary of State branch open through September 30, 1988.

In November, 1987, Romulus Mayor Beverly McAnally was notified by the Secretary of State Office that on February 29, 1988, the branch office on Goddard Road would be closed. Cost-savings and fewer transactions than the Belleville branch were cited as the reasons. Figures provided by the Secretary of State indicate that it costs \$85,775 to operate the Romulus branch annually.

"After closer examination, Representative Kosteva and I learned the only savings would be in rent, as the employees there would be transferred to other branches," Faust said.

In addition to legislative efforts, over 1,100 Romulus citizens voiced their opposition to the closing by signing petitions and sending postcards to Representative Kosteva and Senator Faust. This effort was coordinated by *The Romulus News*.

Commenting on the local effort, Kosteva remarked, "This overwhelming show of community support was instrumental in securing the seven-month extension."

Kosteva and Faust agree the next step will be to monitor the Secretary of

"Art in the Workplace"

The Romulus Arts Council is sponsoring a 12-month community art project, "Art in the Workplace." The program highlights 12 businesses and 12 high-school-student art pieces.

The student art works were selected last May at the Michigan Week Festival Student Art Exhibit. The Romulus Arts Council is the sponsor of the student exhibit.

Each art piece was professionally framed, and will be presented to the students involved at the end of the project.

John Percy, Jr., Chairperson of "Art in the Workplace," said the objective of the project is to "bring business and community closer together through the arts."

Some of the area businesses participating are the Holiday Inn-Metro Airport, Lear Siegler, Inc., Manufacturers Bank, Romulus City Hall, Romulus Post Office, Security Bank & Trust, and Chevrolet-Pontiac-Canada.

State's budget as it goes through the appropriations process this spring. Insuring that adequate funds exist to maintain full operation of the Romulus branch office is a top priority for the two legislators.

"We will keep local officials and the community informed of our efforts," Faust and Kosteva concluded. □

Romulus Arts

"Arts & Crafts Fair"

The Romulus Arts Council is busy planning 1988 events, and would like Romulus residents and all who read the "little paper" to know that Saturday, September 17, is the date set for its fifth annual "Arts & Crafts Fair."

All artists and craftsmen are cordially invited to display and sell their art. A \$10 fee is charged. Please make a note of September 17, and join us for a day of fun.

For additional information, please call Gloria Chandler at 941-2678. □

Faust Opposes Wage Cut

A recently introduced Senate Republican bill to cut the minimum wage for Michigan's waitresses and waiters was criticized by State Senator William Faust (D-Westland) February 12 as being anti-worker and inhumane. "I couldn't in good conscience vote for a bill which would penalize thousands of workers already at the low end of the wage scale," Faust said.

Michigan's minimum wage for waitresses and waiters is currently \$2.51 an hour. Although the Federal minimum wage is \$3.35 per hour, restaurateurs in Michigan are permitted to pay the lower minimum wage because it is assumed that tips make up at least 25%

of an employee's wages.

However, according to the provisions of Senate Bill 659, which was introduced by State Senator Frederick Dillingham (R-Fowlerville), employers would be allowed to estimate the earnings from tips at 40% instead of 25%. That would have the effect of lowering the minimum wage by 50 cents an hour, from \$2.51 to \$2.01, for waitresses and waiters hired after this bill becomes law. An identical bill (House Bill 5176) has been introduced in the House of Representatives by State Representative Gordon Sparks (R-Troy).

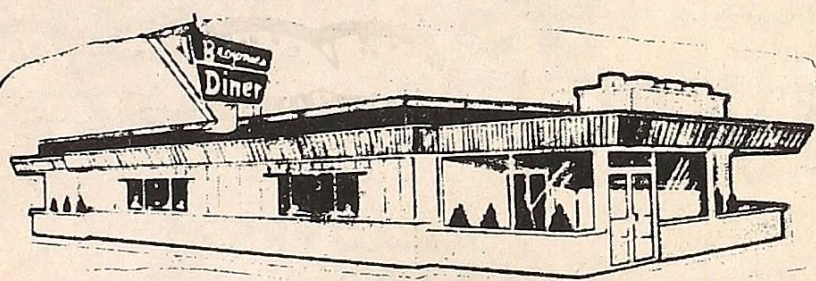
"Supposedly," Senator Faust said, "this legislation is intended to lead to the creation of more restaurant jobs in Michigan by making those operation more profitable. While I am usually eager to support a bill that will have the effect of creating new jobs, I cannot endorse one that does that by lowering a minimum wage that is already very modest."

"Further," Faust continued, "I am highly skeptical of this provision's ability to create up to 60,000 new jobs in our state. I believe this estimate is based on wishful thinking and a desire for publicity."

This proposed legislation was part of a priority list announced earlier this year by House Republicans. "As a Democrat, I am unequivocally opposed to proposals that would make it even harder for lower-income workers to earn a living. There are certainly more imaginative and equitable ways of creating new jobs," Faust stated. □

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Sex Crimes On The Increase?

by D. A. Atkins

Are the crimes of child molestation, rape and incest on the rise in Romulus? According to Officer Smagner of the Romulus Police Department, they are not. In fact, they are following the trend of the total crime rate in our city — they are *decreasing*. (Although it is true that the Romulus Police received an increase of about 800 calls last year, many of them were not crime related. Instead, they concerned things like barking dogs and people who were locked out of their cars.)

It probably seems to many of us that crimes like child molestation have increased dramatically lately, but Officer Smagner says these crimes have been occurring for a long time — it's just that now they are better reported. The public and the school systems have become better educated about what signs to look for and how to deal with this kind of problem. That knowledge has helped to dissipate many of the feelings of shame and fear that kept many victims from making a report.

The crime that probably carries the worst social stigma is incest, which involves sexual relations between members of the same family. Part of the problem here is that many people consider this a 'family problem,' and think that they can cure it without outside

help. It is important to remember that incest is a *criminal act*, just like murder or rape, and needs to be dealt with accordingly.

The most common kind of incest reported occurs between fathers and daughters, often starting when the girl is quite young and continuing until she leaves home, but this is by no means the only kind that occurs frequently. Mother/son, brother/sister, and other types of incest occur as well. Parents may invite their children into bed, telling them that there is nothing wrong with what they are about to do. Siblings may engage in mutual sexual explorations. One thing to watch for is an abnormal amount or kind of touching, holding or kissing.

People who would like to keep their problems with incest 'in the family' rather than deal with them appropriately should consider the devastating consequences to the family member(s) involved. Feelings of guilt and shame can leave the victims mentally 'scarred' for life. They may later have problems experiencing sexual desire; they may be afraid, when they later marry, that their spouses will molest their children; or they may, themselves, become people who molest children.

If you are aware of incestuous ac-

tivities in your family, you should report these to the police without hesitation. It is *not* a family matter. If you are aware of it and do not report it, you could very well be contributing to a mental problem that will affect your loved one for the rest of his life — whether it's in the area of emotional or sexual conflicts, physical injuries, or even suicide. You most certainly would report anyone who hurt one of your children with a gun or knife — incest is just as damaging, and you should report it immediately.

In the next issue of *The Romulus News*, there will be information on how to protect your children from sexual molestation by outsiders. □

A Reflection upon Greatness

by Randy Gear

My first few months as your City Councilman have been a very valuable learning experience for me. Meeting new people, *listening* to their concerns, and *acting* upon them is what the job is all about. Also, learning the rules and regulations of City and State government provides me with the important essentials needed for the conscien-

tious representation of citizens.

But during my first few months in office, the people have lost two outstanding political leaders: Chicago's Mayor, Harold Washington, and Michigan's ex-Governor, G. Mennen Williams.

Reflecting back on the years of Harold Washington's campaign for office, I can remember the weekends of driving back and forth to Chicago, helping in any way I could. I got to experience, first hand, the political ups and downs he faced during his election, and I watched all of the different elements pull together to bring about a victory for a man who wanted nothing more than to have a city united; a man who stood for justice to Mankind.

Mayor Washington worked hard for the people of Chicago, and, in return, people worked hard for him. His contributions during his short political span will be remembered by all.

The political career of G. Mennen Williams (Soapy, to most) spanned some 50 years, and included acting as a major force in the reorganization of the Michigan Democratic Party, serving as Governor of the State of Michigan, running for Senate, acting as a primary backer of President John F. Kennedy, and serving as a Michigan Supreme Court Justice, just to name a few.

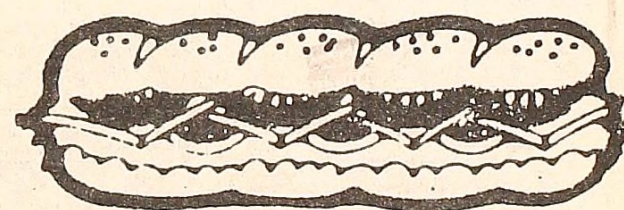
On Thursday, February 4, 1988, Mr. Eugene Wilson and I drove out to the Williams' home to pay our final respects to a man that was loved by all, Black and White, rich and poor. He was a true champion of the people. □

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Dear Reverend Hines,

Thank you for your participation in the meeting held at Romulus City Hall on 8 Feb 88 regarding a citizen complaint involving Mrs Lucille Aldson. I would like to share the findings of our investigation with you at this time.

The allegations brought forth by the citizens at that meeting were as follows;

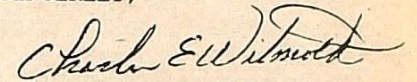
- #1) Brutality in the arrest of Mrs Aldson.
 - #2) No explanation given as to the purpose of the investigation that was taking place.
 - #3) Vulgar language used in the presence of minor children present.
 - #4) Use of a "billy club" to point directly into the face of Mrs Sherrita Crawford.
 - #5) Striking the face of a minor child, Portia Crawford.
 - #6) A comment made by an officer to the effect that "They're all the same".
- Our investigation of the officer's statements, and available reports reveal the following;
- #1) During the arrest of Mrs Aldson physical force had to be used to effect the arrest in so much as Mrs Aldson refused to be handcuffed. There is no indication that excessive force was used by the officers. It is interesting to note that the persons under investigation were not handcuffed and made no accusations of police brutality.
 - #2) No explanation was given as to the purpose of the investigation due to the hostile nature of the crowd. The officers were concerned for their safety and chose to continue the investigation at a more secure site, the police station, apparently without protest and with the cooperation of the parties being investigated.
 - #3) The officers indicate that no vulgar language was used by any member of the Police Department at the scene of the investigation. If there was vulgar language being used during this time the source of the language is not clear.
 - #4) The officer accused of using a "billy club" indicates that he indeed had a flashlight in his possession during this time however did not use it in a threatening or menacing manner.
 - #5) The officers indicate that they at no time struck any person present at the scene.
 - #6) The comment that was made indicating that "We're all alike" was made by an officer, in the presence of his shift commander, in response to Mrs Aldson's comment about all police officers being the same. The comment was made in regard to police officers only.

Any charges made against an officer of the Romulus Police Department must be proven BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT as a standard, and at this time the charges are unable to be sustained to meet standard with the available information.

I am confident that the officers involved with this incident have been counseled sufficiently to provide them with the guidance necessary to avoid this type of situation in the future.

The Police Department appreciates your involvement in this investigation, and the manner in which you helped the City in bringing this potential problem to our attention. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you for the betterment of our community.

SINCERELY;



CHIEF CHARLES E WILMOTH
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY
CITY OF ROMULUS

cc; Mrs Sherrita Crawford
Mrs Lucille Aldson

Straight From the Heart

This reprint from Chiropractic for Pain, Headaches & Stress was submitted by Dan Elwart, D.C.

Health care is more of an art than a science. It is at best an inexact science. Our society consumes over 10 million pounds of aspirin annually, yet medical 'science' cannot explain how it works in the human body. Your medical physician will have you 'try' some pills and then, if your ailment does not improve, he/she will have you 'try' some others. Needless to say, such practice is *not* exactly scientific. Medicine is more accurately defined as an art, concept and philosophy based on scientific principles. It is *not* an exact science.

The above definition also applies to chiropractic and surgery, with some variations due to the nature of each profession. For example, pharmacologists rely on 'double blind' studies, in which two similar groups of patients will be studied but only one will receive the medication being tested. The other group will receive a drugless placebo. Double blind studies cannot be applied to chiropractic because you cannot 'adjust' a patient without him knowing it. There are no 'placebo' adjustments. The same applies to surgery, since you

cannot perform a 'placebo' operation. These professions rely on studies which review the *past results* obtained on patients, and are appropriately called 'retrospective' studies. The surgeon will record if the patient survives the surgery, and if he/she benefits from it. The chiropractic will rely on the clinical results following his/her treatments.

The following clinical studies were conducted by non-chiropractic professionals to provide more objectivity and remove self-serving bias.

A Study Conducted by 22 Medical Clinics in Italy:

A two-year study was conducted in Italy by 22 *medically licensed* static (back pain) clinics, reported by professors from leading universities. They conducted a study of 17,142 patients who were under chiropractic care. The *purpose* of the study was to assess the effectiveness, safety and acceptability of alternate health care techniques so that more adequate and cost-effective therapies could be chosen. The study covered the effects of spinal and pelvic adjustments and traction done by chiropractors. None of the conclusions originated from chiropractic sources.

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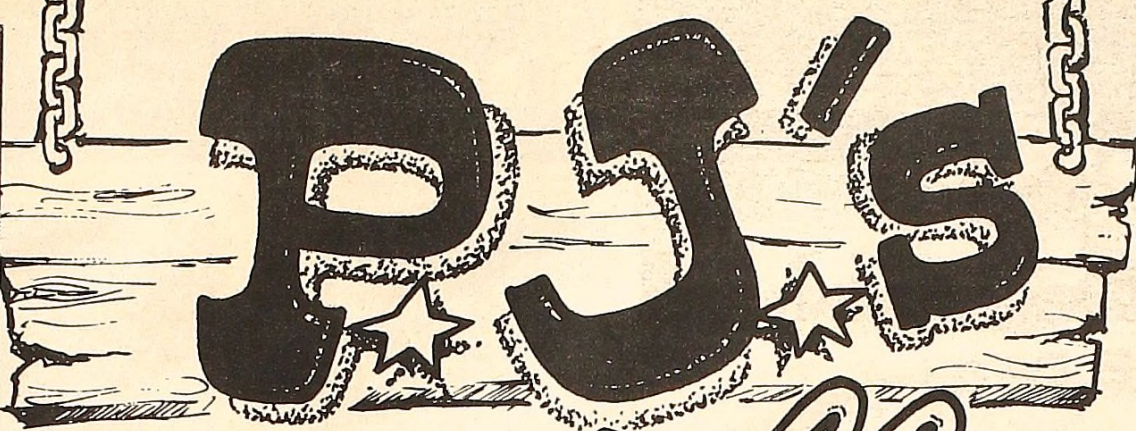
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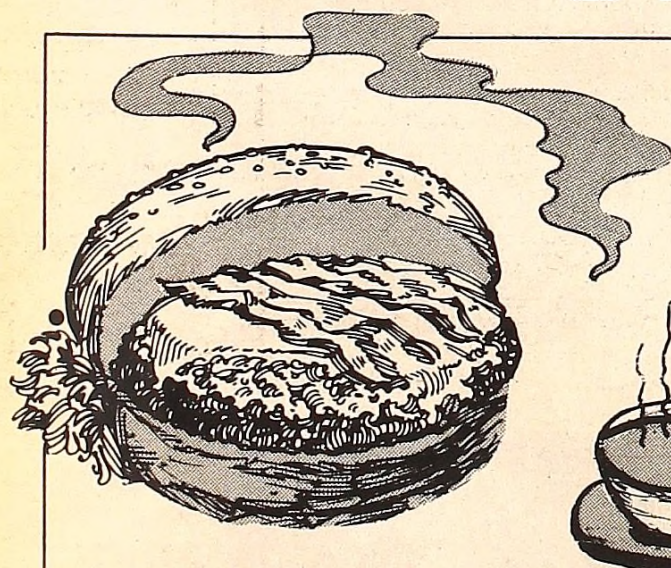
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ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS

Last November, Dave Atkins of *The Romulus News* attended Halecreek Elementary's Honor Roll Assembly to address the students and congratulate them on their accomplishments. At that time, he invited both the current honor-roll students and those who had not made the honor roll to write him a letter explaining why they felt that being on the honor roll was important, and what they were going to do to achieve that goal. *The Romulus News* printed the letters received, hoping to inspire all Romulus students to give their best efforts.

On February 10, Halecreek held its latest Honor Roll Assembly, and many of those honored were children who had written letters. *The Romulus News* would like to congratulate all of the honor-roll students, with special congratulations to those students who told us about their goals and then had the determination to stick to them: Lisa McClanahan, Susan Sherbrook, Lavee Toliver, and Amy Young (new honor-roll students); and Kim Davis, David Estes, Leah Hance, LeKeisha Holmes, David Manson, Anthony Poletti, Jason Sample, Gretchen Spencer, Angela Thompkins, and Jeffrey Wilkinson (continuing honor-roll students).

Third-Grade Honor-Roll Students

Thomas Adkins
Stephanie Arnold
Laura Ayotte*
Joshua Baisden*
Robert Baker
Andrew Carter*
Tony Cooper
Brandon Durham*
Matthew Gohl*
Michael Hatfield
Christopher Johnson
Melladonna Jones
Mollie Jones
Michael Mezza*
Ryan Molloy
Michelle Moreno*
Shanna Penn*
Jerry Tayse
Tisha White
Jennifer Yonts*
Janet Ziemcyk*

Fourth-Grade Honor-Roll Students

Carl Blanton
John Cady*
Colleen Coleman
David Estes
Shawn Farmer*
Travis Hall
Katrina Healey*
Anthony Inch
David Manson
Jeffrey McCray
Stacy Pacheco*
Nicholas Stearns*
Christopher Tyszkiewicz*
Andrea Walton
Amy Young*

Fifth-Grade Honor-Roll Students

Melisha Barrientos
Gary Caldwell*

Barbarina Davidson*
Sonia Dillard
Ryan Farr*
Rodney Jackson*
Jill Kerr
Jessica Marz
Sarah Poletti
Renee Ragland
Susan Sherbrook*
John Sheridan
Venetta Smith*
Gretchen Spencer
Kim Swanson
Lavee Toliver*
Jennifer Villarreal*
Wayne Warren

Sixth-Grade Honor-Roll Students

Deanne Copeland
Kim Davis
Sandra Hall
Aubrey Hance
Leah Hance
LeKeisha Holmes
Anita Hughes
Lisa McClanahan*
Bobby Munroe
Anthony Poletti
Penny Pruitt*
Jason Sample
Angela Thompkins
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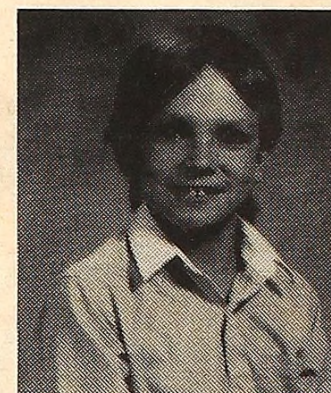
*New honor-roll students

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David Durham
Teresa Dye
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Brandy Gabrys
Kelly Petree
Alford Sample
Susan Sherbrook
Venetta Smith
Lenard Stewart
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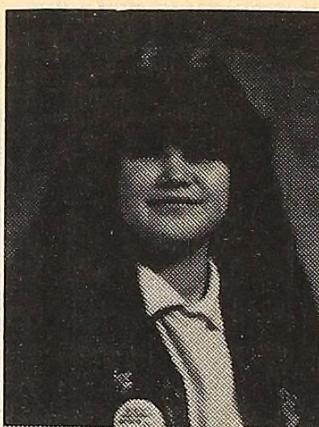
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RHS Band Wins Record 51 Medals

Romulus Senior High music students won a record of 51 medals at recent District Solo and Ensemble Festivals. Fourteen events earned First Division or Superior ratings, and 12 events received Second Division ratings. Twenty-three events were composed of instrumental students, and there were three vocal events.

Groups receiving First Division ratings were: Melissa Anderson and Patty Imielowski (clarinet duet); Melissa Avery and Nancy Moomaw (alto and bass clarinet duet); Melissa Anderson, Angie Hopewell, Patty Imielowski, and Nancy Moomaw (clarinet quartet); Eben Smith (piano solo); Stacey Brown and Leshon Holmes (clarinet duet); Faith Hammers and Michele Hanines (alto sax duet); Mischana Higgins and Ericka Luster (percussion duet); Melissa Anderson and Patty Imielowski (oboe and bassoon duet); Matt Felice and Vincent Winer (cornet duet); Alex Good and Lisa Haines (trumpet duet); Doug Allen (snare drum solo); Renee Bitner, Sandy Kushner, Kim Lewis, and Crystal Thompson (French horn quartet); Alex Good, Lisa Haines, Jovita Imielowski, Don Pochmara, and Ron Zundel (brass quintet); and Jeanette DeBellefeuille (vocal solo).

Groups receiving Second Division ratings were: Melissa Anderson and Angie Hopewell (clarinet duet); Mia Kennedy (piano solo); Cina Jackson and Laura Wasvary (flute duet); Krystal Brown and Lynette Cain (woodwind duet); Krystal Brown, Lynette Cain, and Patty Imielowski (woodwind trio); Sandy Kushner and Lisa Roy (French horn duet); David Ditsch (baritone solo); Jovita Imielowski (French horn solo); Christine Martell and Becky Szente (saxophone duet); Jeanette DeBellefeuille and Paul Pyenta (trumpet duet); Crystal Markowski (vocal solo); and Dawn Warner (vocal solo).

Both Mr. Henry James, Senior High Director of Bands, and Mrs. Susan Hiser, Senior High Choir Director, wish to congratulate their students on their participation and fine ratings. District Festivals are ahead for both the Senior High bands and choir. □

Reading Month at Beacon Day

Students at Beacon Day Treatment are celebrating Reading Month in February this year. They had the honor of receiving a grant to help fund this event from the Wayne County Intermediate School District.

Many activities will take place at both of the program's locations, including a poster contest with bookstore gift certificates as prizes, the making and selling of bookmarks by some of the younger students, and storyteller presentations.

One of the storyteller presentations was especially for the younger students, and was given by Alice McCoy, a member of the Detroit Storytelling League, on Friday, February 19. On February 22, the PAC organization made it possible for Eastern Michigan University's Traveling Theater to present its "Story Theater" at Mt. Pleasant, and it included folk, American, Indian, and African tales. A program for older students will be featured Wednesday, February 24, by Michael Deller, also a member of the Detroit Storytelling League.

Reading Month is an exciting way for students to see themselves as readers. Its success results from the coordination of Beacon's reading department, talented students, and warm and supportive staff.

For more information on the Reading Month program, contact Laurie Shannon at 941-2770, or Shellie Moore at 942-6601. □

Wick Honor Roll

The following students made the second-marking-period honor roll at Wick Elementary School:

Third-Grade Honor-Roll Students

Jeremiah Blackburn
David Bowers
Amy Brown
Tamekia Brown
Michelle Bruckner
Nathan Devine
Sean Dick
Julie Diehl
Todd Duesette
Bryan Elwell
Ryan Hicks
Jason Ison
Tiffany Love

St. Aloysius

St. Aloysius students competed in their school Spelling Bee on Wednesday, January 28. The school champion is Melissa Hall, who has competed in the spelling bee for the past four years and placed in the top four all four of those years.

Other finishers were:

Second: Ryan Kowalske, Grade 8
Third: Renee Godell, Grade 6
Fourth: Kathleen Steinhardt, Grade 8
Fifth: Renee Rumsley, Grade 6
Sixth: Nikita Kennard, Grade 7
Seventh: Lisa Lachcik, Grade 8

Julius Martin
Bryant McCauley
Heather McClure
Monica Moore
Billy Neil
Desiree Petterson
Melissa Plave
Beth Roberts
Sonya Rush
Ebony Sandusky
Nikkisha Spease
Ryan Suliman
Melanie Tomchick
Melissa Watson
Terra Weston
Ja'Mal Williams
Jill Williams
Takara Wilson

Fourth-Grade Honor-Roll Students

Kimberly Bolus
Karyn Brawley
Gloria Cofield
Raphael Crawford
Ryan Foley
Katia Foster
Dion Freeman
Jeff Galvan
Christina Gomes
Beyonca Hammons
Shenika Hankerson
Chris Jenkins
Natalie Koenig
Shaun Lee
Kim Mientkiewicz
Jason Parsons
Anthony Reed
Chakyr Ross
Scott Smith
Brian Steffani
Brian Tomchick
Stacey Varesi
Tyricia White

Fifth-Grade Honor-Roll Students

Tracy Blizman
Tony Brindamour
Adrienne Byrd
Tonya Damorn
Michelle Dick
Delta Elam
Lavata Gipson
Star Haury
Eric Ison
Matt McCown
Autumn Pattenaude
Joshua Remelius
Laura Richardson
Stephanie Roe
Daymone Rogers
Chrissy Seibert
Shalina Warren
Brent Washington
Tavis Weston
Angela White
Toni Whitted
Nina Wood

Sixth-Grade Honor-Roll Students

Christina Allen
Becky Anderson
Danielle Banks

Eighth: Colleen Foley, Grade 7
Ninth: Jason Laskaska, Grade 6
Tenth: Theresa Wegienka, Grade 7

Also competing were: Tony Coak, Corrie Filbert, Stephen Fletcher, Cari Genaw, Carrie Godell, James Hardecki, April Krey, Sarah Massicotte, Jackie McClusky, Jenny Paultanis and Renee Williams. □

Jason Brindamour
Cathryn Cain
Jessica Childress
Alana Cope
Joel Devine
Tanisha Dixon
Eboney Duesette
Kateisha Frazier
Amy Gilbert
Maurice Hatcher
Jason Johnson
Jessica Karapetian
Kimberly Lincoln
Adam Littrell
John Lucas
Natasha McWilson
Jessica Plave
Charles Sharrow
Bret Smith
Elizabeth Smith*
Staci Steffani*
Dana Tatman
Vickie Ward
Tom Welch

*All As □

Mastering Your Computer, Step by Step

by Dan Elwart, D.C.

Okay, you've dusted off that computer that's been sitting in the closet, and now you're ready to roll. The problem is that the program (instructions to the computer) doesn't seem to run the way it's supposed to. What to do! What to do!

Rule Number Two: re-read the instructions again, and then follow them *exactly*!

I know, you've tried the same instructions over and over again, and it still doesn't work. At least 50% of the time when someone calls me about a problem he's having, it's because he left out one simple little step. If you have gotten to the point of despair and just can't seem to figure it out, then let someone help you. Ask someone to watch you as you follow the instructions — usually they will be able to spot the problem. Sometimes you read over things so quickly that you get into a habit of skipping the same area, and a friend can help you spot that area so that you'll be on your way!

Yes, there are times that computers don't work properly, or when programs don't run the way the instructions say they are supposed to. In my experience, though, I've found that these problems are in a very small minority, and it's the last thing I suspect. You see, the computer is very literal about what you tell it, but most people don't think like that.

So, if you can't find the problem, ask someone to look over your shoulder. If you still can't find the problem, call your computer dealer. If you *still* can't find the problem, call the company that wrote the software. In most cases, they will be more than helpful.

Keep at it. Don't give up. See you next time! □

Spelling Bee Winners

Halecreek Elementary

Gretchen Spencer, a fifth-grade honor-roll student, won the Halecreek Spelling Bee and will represent her school in the Area Y Bee. All school winners will compete in this Bee, which will be held Tuesday, March 1, at 1 p.m. The Bee will be hosted by Luckett Christian Academy, 23333 Goddard, Taylor. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Pat Sturgeon at 374-2200.

It's Something Worth Thinking About

by Marvin Hawbaker, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church of Romulus

Is it possible for a person to be religious in this life and miss going to Heaven in the next life? Is it possible for a person to be good, kind, generous, loving to others, and a good citizen, yet miss going to Heaven when he dies? The answer is yes, it is possible, according to God's Word.

Take Nicodemus for an example. The account is given in the Gospel of John, Chapter Three. We are told there that Nicodemus was a Pharisee. History tells us that the Pharisees were very moral and upright people. They believed in God. They endeavored to keep His Law. They considered themselves children of God without question. Yet, it was to Nicodemus that Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." (John 3:7) It was to Nicodemus that Christ said, "except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3)

Jesus was telling Nicodemus that he needed a new nature given him by the Holy Spirit of God. He didn't need to be born again physically, but he needed to be born again spiritually in order to have eternal life. It wasn't the outward *conduct* that could make Nicodemus a child of God; it was the inward *condition* that determined whether he was right with God.

We will not be accepted by God simply by being good, moral people, nor by our church membership or good citizenship. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." Only by God giving us a new nature, which causes us to turn away from sin and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, will we have eternal life.

The question for us today becomes, "Have I turned away from sin and am I trusting *solely* in the price that Christ paid for my sin?" Only God can give you eternal life.

It is something worth thinking about. □

Obituary

Clarissa A. Miller

Clarissa A. Miller, a 61-year-old Romulus resident, died February 10 at University of Michigan Hospital.

Clarissa was the dear mother of Stephen A. Miller and Mrs. Bruce (Julia) Bellinger, and is also survived by sisters Mrs. Herman (Caroline) Bersano and Mrs. Harold (Elaine) Bloom.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 15, 1988, at Baum-Crane Funeral Home, Romulus, with the Rev. J. D. Landis officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Baum-Crane Funeral Home. □

Engagement

The sound of wedding bells will fill the air on April 29 when Karin G. Torres, of 36881 McBride, Romulus, marries Belleville resident John L. Taylor. The couple first announced the engagement August 29, 1987.

The wedding will take place at St. Catherine's, on 1103 Washington Street, Algonac, at 6 p.m., and the reception will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Perch Point Conservation Club, 7930 Meisner Road, Marine City.

The couple's parents, Ruben and Geraldine Torres of Romulus, and John and Rita Taylor of Algonac, wish them much happiness in the future. □

Happy Birthday

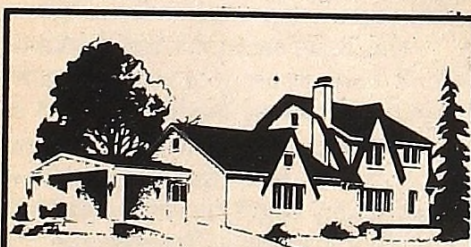
Republican Hugh Hurlburt celebrated his ninetieth birthday on February 21. His party was held at his home, and the place was packed with friends and neighbors, including Romulus Mayor Beverly McAnally. Hugh, a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, received a microwave for his birthday present. □

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Heart

The conclusions: Those patients receiving chiropractic care for a period of two years could have their absence from work reduced by 75.55% and their number of hospitalizations reduced by 87.6%. Spinal adjustments proved to be very successful in curtailing health care costs in general, particularly hospital costs, insurance costs and the loss of productivity caused by absence from work. The report noted that long-standing chronic biomechanical dysfunctions in the body, even though without current symptoms, could ultimately be the source of potential pain in later years. The report observed that chiropractic's effectiveness lies in its ability to improve the quality of life, which not only has a curative effect but also has preventive and rehabilitative functions. □

Foreman

knew of these activities yet did nothing about them. In any event, the investigation continues at full throttle, and *The Romulus News* will keep you informed about any further information that comes to light. □

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Fifty's Nifty

by D. A. Atkins

There used to be a time when I thought that the world was a bunch of roses sitting on gold-plated stems. Of course, that was when I was much younger and not so aware of the world.

I never gave a second thought to running outside in the winter without wearing a hat or coat — sometimes in just a t-shirt. "Oh, to be young and dumb again!" says I.

I couldn't believe it when people told me, "Son, someday you will regret what you are doing to your body, just wait and see." Yet, how can you convince young men that they will, indeed, regret their actions?

The closer I got to 40, the more I heard people talking about how nifty it is to be 50. I was really getting worried at 40 — 40 is ancient, as ancient as the pyramids themselves. I mean, when you hit 40, you have become a relic, to say the least, so how could anyone say that 50 is nifty?

Ah, alas, the years creep up on you before you realize it, and soon the years that took so long to drag by are now fleeting like the wind on her ever-so-speedy journey westward into the sunset.

Young life speeds by without a day of sickness for most. It happened to me — 49 years of nothing more than a runny nose and a possible blister from too much sun.

Ah, but now come the nifty 50 years; great years, some would have you believe. Your mind still thinks the way it did at 20, but your body slows to a tormenting crawl. For some reason, you stay cold much of the time in the winter and fall; in the summer heat, you long for the cool dips, once so dear, in the local rivers and lakes, but you become fearful of not being able to swim as well as you once did. Instead of sliding on your shoes through the ever-so-deep snow, you find yourself hiring someone to scrape the sidewalks and salt them, afraid that you will fall, maybe into oblivion.

Rheumatism is only a word you had heard about in years gone by; now it has become a reality. Weather changes bring sore joints instead of getting together with the gang to have a good time — rain, sleet or snow.

The hair on your head, which once proudly kept your head warm, has vanished, becoming another part of your body that suddenly has started shrinking away to mere nothingness. When my wife asked me, the other day, if I was going to get a haircut, I asked

her which one I should cut!

And so it goes into the nifty 50s. Since I turned 50, two years ago, I would never have believed that so many things could possibly go wrong with the human body. Can't run anymore — feet hurt too much. Can't pitch a fastball anymore — arm hurts too much. Can't pick up anything heavy anymore — back hurts too much. I have been sick on my birthday for the last three years — 50, 51, and now 52.

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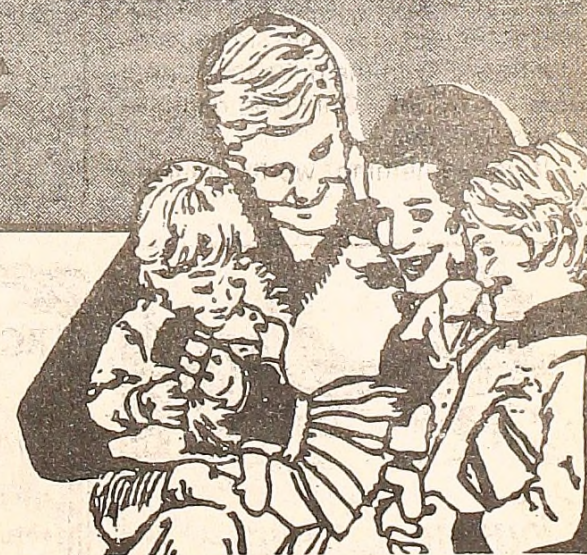
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In The Hospital

by Tom Shamanski

I hate hospitals. It's not really hospitals themselves, it's being 'semi-sick' in the hospital that I hate. If you've ever been in the hospital, you know what I mean.

Being 'semi-sick' is when you are starting to feel better after your operation but you're still far from tip-top. You're not well enough to go home, but you are alert and aware of your alien surroundings.

I think we all do many things differently when we're in this situation. I know I do. First, there's what I call 'The Roommate Syndrome.' You're alone in your room one day and suddenly there's a flurry of activity. You have a new roommate!

Being sick is bad enough, but immediately you realize that, for the next several days, you're going to sink or swim with this person. So we greet our new roomie as if he's a long-lost buddy. Of course, he greets you the same. He's not stupid; he knows he's in the same boat, too.

The amazing thing is that, nine times out of ten, this person turns out to be a darn nice guy. We get to know each other well and even become acquainted with each other's friends and relatives.

It makes me wonder what would happen if President Reagan and Soviet Premier Gorbachev had to share a case of 'The Roommate Syndrome.' Would they find out they could actually get along? That they actually liked each other? Could world peace result? I think it's worth a shot.

Of course, there's a sad part to the syndrome, too. After being together several days and cultivating a good friendship, one of you is finally discharged. You exchange telephone numbers and promise you'll stay in touch, but you rarely do. I wonder why? Do we think we've got all the friends we need?

Well, back to 'semi-sick.' This is the time when well-meaning friends begin to visit. They invariably begin by asking, "How are you doing?" Good grief! Obviously, I'm not doing too well or I wouldn't be here. And of course they want to know how the food is. They already *know* how the food is. It's terrible! But underneath it all, you're always happy to see your friends. And knowing they made a special trip to see you gives you a nice warm feeling inside.

Slippers are big in hospitals. I was just gazing down at mine and I think they're great. I don't have the sandal-type, but the kind that look like a regular shoe, a sort of soft-loafer. I don't know when I got them, but what makes them so terrific is that they're washable! Can you believe it? Before all our technical knowledge brought us washable slippers, a person could only wear this type of slipper so long. After that, even the family dog wouldn't go within ten yards of them because of the stench.

Doctors and nurses can be a big

problem in the hospital. I know I'm paying about \$300 a day for the privilege of being there, and for that kind of money I should have two servants and a maid at the very least. However, I always have the feeling that all those wonderful nurses are much too busy to be bothered by my petty problems. So I usually resort to some sly trick to get what I need.

Last time I was in the hospital, I ran out of tissues by my bedside. I had a horrible cold in addition to recovering from surgery, so this was a major problem. However, instead of pushing the call-button, I simply left the empty box on my table in hopes that one of the nurses would notice it. Worked like a charm! The next time a nurse came in she said, "Mr. Shamanski, you seem to be out of tissues. May I get you some more?" I replied, "Well, gosh, so I am. You'll get me another box? Gee, thanks!" I've got to learn to be more assertive in the hospital.

And doctors — talk about intimidation! Once a day, my doctor, his partner, and at least one nurse would burst into my room and always ask the same thing, "Well, Mr. Shamanski, how are we doing today?" I would usually have four or five questions. But after asking the first and then pretending to understand all the medical jargon, I would be so totally confused I'd just give up. My doctor would politely ask, as he was edging his way to the door, if I had any further questions. I would just smile, say I had no more questions, and thank him over and over.

Overall, I'm sure we can all agree, there's not a whole lot to be said for being in the hospital. I hope this finds you in good health! □

Truck Safety Laws Proposed

On February 11, 1988, State Senator William Faust (D-Westland) introduced legislation designed to improve truck safety on Michigan's highways. The Faust-Fessler Truck Safety legislation is based on studies done by the House Subcommittee on Truck Safety, the State of Michigan's Interagency Truck Committee, and a private study done by the American Automobile Association (AAA).

"Truck accidents increased 65% in Michigan between 1982-85 while, during this same period, truck travel increased by only 15%," Faust said. "This increase parallels regional and national trends. The Legislature needs to respond to this dangerous and increasing problem not only for the safety of Michigan motorists, but for the safety of truck drivers as well," Faust added.

"The recent studies completed by State Representative Curtis Hertel's House Committee, the Interagency Truck Committee and AAA agree there is no single cause or easy solution to this problem. It is also agreed that accidents are increasing at an unacceptable rate. This four-bill package is a comprehensive approach to begin to ad-

dress the problem," Faust stated.

Commenting on the Faust-Fessler Truck Safety legislation, Rep. Curtis Hertel, Chairman of the House Transportation Committee, said, "I'm pleased to see that this package reflects so many of the recommendations of the House Transportation's Subcommittee on Truck Safety."

Cosponsoring the legislation is Senator Richard Fessler (R-West Bloomfield), chairman of the Senate State Affairs, Tourism and Transportation Committee. The proposed legislation will:

- Establish a truck safety program.
- Require single licensing of truck trailers.
- Require 22-inch bumpers on all trailers.
- Restrict trucks to the right two lanes of multilane highways.
- Require covers to reduce spillage.
- Provide the trailer owner's name and address on the rear of trailers.
- Institute a \$10 registration fee to fund enforcement and truck driver safety programs.
- Require the installation of tachographs by 1990.
- Increase civil fines and overweight fines.

"I believe this legislation will put Michigan in the lead nationally in acting to improve truck safety and ensure Michigan motorists that they can travel safely on our highways," Faust said. □

Ask the City Attorney

by Laura Berry Harris

Q. What is the difference between the charges of *Operating While Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor (OUIL)* and *Operating While Impaired (OWI)*?

A. The difference in the offenses is the degree of intoxication the prosecution must prove. OWI is a lesser and included offense.

To make the charge of OWI stick the prosecutor must prove:

- 1) That the Defendant was operating a motor vehicle on a certain date within the city.
- 2) That the Defendant was operating the vehicle on a public highway or other place that would be open to the public.
- 3) That the Defendant's ability to operate the vehicle was so weakened by the consumption of alcohol that he was operating with less ability than would an ordinary and careful driver, and this must be obvious to an ordinary observant person.

The difference between OUIL and OWI is in #3 above. OUIL says that, at the time of operating, the Defendant was under the influence of alcohol, meaning that, as a result of drinking, the Defendant's ordinary judgment, physical coordination, etc., is significantly or substantially affected.

Q. To be charged with Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL), don't I have to be 'dead drunk' or falling down or hardly able to stand up?

A. No. The test is whether, "as a result of drinking alcoholic beverages, the person is *substantially deprived* of his/her normal control or clarity of mind at the time he/she is operating the motor vehicle."

There is also a lesser offense and included offense one can be charged with — this is Operating While Impaired (OWI). The test there is "that self ability to operate a vehicle is so weakened by the consumption of alcohol that he/she was *operating with less* ability than would an ordinary and careful prudent driver."

Romulus City Attorneys can't give legal advice on matters that would touch on the City that may affect you specifically, but for answers to non-City matters, direct your questions to: Laura Berry Harris, 2000 Cadillac Tower, Detroit, Michigan 48226. □

TAX TIP

from H&R Block

Filing Early

Q. I promised myself I would file my tax return early this year. Aside from avoiding the last-minute rush before the April 15 deadline, are there any other advantages in filing early?

A. There are several advantages: your return will probably be processed more quickly; you will receive your refund (if any) sooner; and if you make an error, you have time to correct it before the deadline and avoid possible penalties. If you were required to make estimated tax payments during the year, you do not have to pay the January 15 installment if you file your return by February 1. Also, penalty for any underpayment stops on the date of payment. □

Home Mortgage Interest

Q. I understand that the deduction for the interest I paid is limited. Will this affect the amount of home mortgage interest I can deduct?

A. Probably not. If the only mortgage on your home is the one you took out when you purchased your home, generally, all of the interest you paid on your loan is fully deductible if you itemize.

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Soup Kitchen Needs Help

by D. A. Atkins

Romulus Police Officer Tom Ellis has brought to my attention a soup kitchen in Romulus that needs help desperately.

The name of the organization is the Soup Kettle, located in the Beverly School building, and it feeds about 200 people every week. Parents and children who are Focus Hope participants, senior citizens, and anyone else in need of a good meal are fed there.

There seems to be a problem, however, with forms that are not filled out properly by the food recipients. If these forms are not filled out with the requested information, the Soup Kettle does not get the money it is supposed to get to supplement the organization.

At the present time, many things besides food are needed (although food is always the major need), including: kitchen utensils (knives, forks, spoons, butcher knives, large ladles), serving trays, restaurant-size cooking pots (thick bottoms), coffee pots, and just about everything else you can think of.

The Health Department was on the verge of closing down the Soup Kettle because of the sink there, but a new sink and its installation were donated, and that particular problem was taken care of. Now, however, they need a grill cover with a water spout. If there are any restaurant owners who have any of these items to donate, the Soup Kettle would greatly appreciate it.

Food of all kinds is also needed. Cheese is soon going to be a problem, since the cheese program is about to be cut off in March. Also, during the summer months there are many residents who donate vegetables to the Soup Kettle, but during the winter months vegetables are scarce, both fresh and frozen. If you have any extra canned food at home, please donate to this worthy cause.

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Regular Meeting, January 25, 1988

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, January 25, 1988, was called to order by President Patterson at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Patterson.

Approval of Agenda:

1/88/12 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Berlinn the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

1/88/13 Moved by Berlinn supported by King the Board approve the Minutes of January 11, 1988, as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Abstain: 2. (Wilkerson, Langley). Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

There were no communications and expressions from the public at this meeting.

Report of the Superintendent:

Personnel Actions

Dr. LeCesne recommended the following Personnel Actions for Board approval:

A. **Resignation:** Rae Lipkowski - Bus Aide, Other Employment, Eff. 1/15/88. Addendum:

A. **Leave of Absence - Extension:** Marjorie Blakely-Graff - Teacher, Wick, Travel 1988-89.

1/88/14 Moved by Bales supported by King the Board of Education approve the Personnel Actions and Addendum as presented by Dr. LeCesne above. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

1/88/15 Moved by Berlinn supported by Bales the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Appearance of Rep. Kosteva and Lobbyist on the Airport Legislation.

This was a report on legislation on taxing certain properties in the airport. Also reported on were other educational issues pending in the State Legislation.

1/88/16 Moved by Berlinn supported by Wilkerson the Board continue through July, 1988, with the joint effort with the City of Romulus to hire Karaub & Associates as lobbyists on the airport issue. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Tom Chen Presentation - Possible Bond Issue

Mr. Chen reported to Board Members on possible bond issue.

Tax Anticipation Borrowing

1/88/17 Moved by Bales supported by Langley the Board of Education adopt the resolution authorizing \$3,500,000 in Tax Anticipation Notes. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Ratification of Teacher Interim Agreement

1/88/18 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Langley the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the "Letter of Agreement" presented dated 12/15/87, which provides an interim collective bargaining agreement. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

New Policy/Program Committee Members

Member Langley, Chairperson of the Policy Committee, introduced new Policy Committee Members Mr. Ron Olesckowicz and Mrs. Dorothy Harris.

MASAB/IEL Project on School Governance

1/88/19 Moved by Bales supported by Kesner the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and approve the application to participate in the special project as presented on school governance. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Wayne County Intermediate School District Budget

1/88/20 Moved by Langley supported by Kesner the Board appoint Ken Berlinn as representative and Mary King as alternate to attend the meeting to take action on the WCISD Budget described in the resolution presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members: 1) Letter from Police Chief - County Sheriff; 2) Barth Newsletter; and 3) Parent Letter of Thanks - Transportation.

Dr. Bedell reported the legal opinion from the schools' attorney: School Board Minutes can be published in any form by the School District.

Dr. LeCesne invited Board Members to attend on January 28, 1988, a presentation by Brighton Schools on business involvement with the School Districts.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member Kesner: Inquired about Evaluation Committee; Asked if Romulus responded to Taylor Schools' request on our policy on out-of-state conventions; Asked about Energy Program at Romulus High School.

Member Berlinn reported on visitation to Jefferson School District facilities.

Member King reported on conference held at Wayne County Intermediate School District.

Executive Session - Negotiations

1/88/21 Moved by King supported by Berlinn the Board of Education convene in Executive Session for purpose of Negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:29 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 10:17 P.M.

Adjournment:

1/88/22 Moved by Kesner supported by Langley the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel R. Bales, Secretary

Romulus Board of Education

TAX TIP

from H&R Block

Getting Records Together

Q. I have all my W-2s together and have listed my itemized deductions. I received \$100 in interest from a savings and loan association but I have not received a Form 1099 from them. Must I wait until I get this 1099 before I can file my return?

A. No. It is not necessary to file Form 1099 with your tax return. The 1099 is merely an information statement that tells you and the IRS the amount of interest paid on your account during the year. It is a good idea to verify the amount with the savings firm in order to ensure that it agrees with the amount reported to the IRS. □

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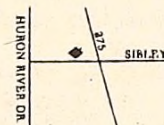
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